

HOPE MAN DIES OF INJURIES

England, France Offer to Go the Limit for Finns

Would Throw All Their
Resources Behind
Movement

ACTION AT ONCE

Finish Hopes for
Peace With Russia
Are Waning

LONDON, England. —(AP)—Great Britain and France have informed Finland today that they were ready to "provide immediately and jointly to help Finland with all available resources" if the Finnish government should ask "further aid."

Prime Minister Chamberlain told this in the House of Commons Monday. A later statement from his office said "the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish government."

German Agreement
OSLO, Norway. —(AP)—The newspaper Aftenposten said Monday it had learned on the highest authority that Germany has agreed to a policy which would lessen the war danger to Scandinavian shipping.

The first step in this policy was reported to be an agreement by Germany not to attack Norwegian ships which do not sail in convoys or which journey between neutral ports.

It was regarded here that probably the same treatment would be accorded to Swedish, Danish and possibly to neutral shipping.

Confers With Duce
ROME, Italy. —(AP)—Foreign Minister Ciano said Monday he had conferred with Benito Mussolini, King Emanuele, Monday, had his second conference with Premier Mussolini.

Before calling at Mussolini's office, von Ribbentrop talked for half an hour with Foreign Minister Count Ciano during a day of intense diplomatic activity in which observers found would indicate two things:

1. Adolf Hitler is making a friendly gesture toward the Vatican.

2. He is seeking Italy's views on the possibility of extension of the European war either by the British-French allies or by Germany herself.

Swedes Have Hopes
STOCKHOLM, Sweden. —(AP)—Scandinavia held high hopes Monday that a peace agreement had been reached between Finland and Soviet Russia in their three and half month conflict.

Newspapers were unanimous in expressing belief that a peace agreement was near at hand, but there was no confirmation that a decision actually had been reached.

The Finnish delegation, which went to Moscow last week were reported Monday morning to have left for their home with peace conditions by way of Stockholm.

When they failed to arrive, the Swedes concluded that they were still conferring with Russian officials.

Reds Score Gains
HELSINKI. —(AP)—The Russian army, fighting its way further into Finland, even as peace negotiations are underway in Moscow, scored gains at both ends of the Mannerheim line, the Finnish high command acknowledged Monday.

With Finland in anxious suspense regarding peace talks, her people experienced no respite from war.

Heilsinki had five air alarms during the day, during one of which Russian planes were sighted high over the capital.

The Russian continued attacks on the shore of the Bay of Viipuri and behind the city at the western end of the Mannerheim line, "achieving slight successes at several places," the communiqué said.

Peace Hopes Slim
HELSINKI. —(AP)—Finnish hopes for peace sank swiftly Monday when the Moscow radio broadcast a violent Finnish-language attack on the republic's Premier Risto Ryti, who is in the Russian capital as head of a delegation seeking to negotiate a settlement of the unrelenting war.

The attack came only a few hours after the Helsinki government started the delegation already in Moscow talking peace.

Ending a significant silence of two nights, the Moscow radio appealed to the Finnish soldiers to revolt against their "capitalist government."

At the same time, the Finns announced the Russian air force had resumed bombing civilian areas on a "comparatively large scale" but first reports told of no fatalities.

The Finnish government's announcement of the presence of the delegation in Moscow and the beginning of important German-Italian conferences in Rome overshadowed actual hostilities in Europe's two wars.

Bombing virtually a bomb on the

10 Convicted In Municipal Court

Seven persons were found guilty of charges of drunkenness and three for disturbing the peace in Hope Municipal court Monday. The results: Robert Johnson, Victor Lund, Leo Moss, J. S. Blackard forfeited \$10 cash bonds for drunkenness when they failed to appear for trial.

Willie Mauldin, Herman Garland and Winston Nelson entered pleas of guilty to drunkenness and were fined \$10 each.

Earl Conway, disturbing the peace, plea of guilty, sentence deferred until March 18.

Mable Brown, disturbing the peace, plea guilty, fined \$10.

Eunie Cooper, disturbing the peace, plea of guilty, fined \$10.

Escaped Prisoner Is Arrested Here

Leo Anderson, Negro,
Fugitive From Industrial School

Hope police announced Monday the arrest here of Leo Anderson, 21, negro, as an escaped prisoner from the negro boys industrial school at Pine Bluff.

Police said Anderson was a Hope negro and was convicted in 1936 for burglary and grand larceny. Officers said Anderson had been at liberty since 1937.

Chief Copeland and State Policeman F. V. Haynie returned Anderson to Pine Bluff.

Garden for Every Family Is Urged

Live-at-Home Program
Is Urged By U. of A.
Officials

A garden for all of Arkansas' 253,000 farm families is one of the goals of the live-at-home program in 1940.

H. E. Thompson, assistant Extension director of the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture, has announced.

Last year home gardens furnished Arkansas farm families with 14½ million quarts of food valued at \$3,078,125.

But only about 60,000 or approximately one-fourth of the state's farm families now have gardens, Mr. Thompson said, and as a result the other three-fourths have little means to meet other needs after food costs are paid.

Even for families having gardens, food is the largest item of expense, taking 24 per cent of the family's cash income, according to records of 517 Arkansas farm families.

In recognition of the value of gardens to the farm family's welfare, the AAA, upon request of Arkansas agricultural agencies, and perhaps those from other states included gardens as a regular soil-building practice in the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program.

A payment of \$1.50 is allowed for a garden grown by a landlord, tenant, or share cropper, provided it meets the requirements set up by a committee of AAA and Extension workers.

"If every one of the state's farm families turn the garden payment, it would add \$379,500 to the farm cash income, and the release of thousands of dollars hitherto spent for food and other necessities," Mr. Thompson said.

"Not only that, but it would mean better health due to improved diet, fewer doctor bills, and increased efficiency."

**'Innocent' Even When
There's No Loss**
WINSHESTER, Ky. —(AP)—Eleven thousand dollars in bonds went up in smoke on Wall Street, but no one became excited and there was no loss.

Members of the county fiscal court and the county school superintendent assembled for the proceedings at the Wall Street entrance to the county courthouse here.

A match was touched to eleven county school bonds which had not been sold in a recent school construction program.

**Mother Nature
Struggles On**
BUTTE, Mont. —(AP)—Three thousand feet underground in a dark mine two electricians saw a bit of green growing from a mound of pulverized rock, reached down and plucked out a lemon tree.

L. L. Marzeng and Virgil Stuart, the electricians, brought the tiny plant to the surface and showed it to friends. They said some miner apparently tossed away the seed after he drained a glass of lemonade. The scene was ground into the pulverized rock and there took root. The only light came from electric lamps.

Economy Solons Concede Passage of Big Farm Bill

Billion Dollar Measure
May Bring More
Taxes

BILL UP MONDAY

Debate On Measure
Not to Require More
Than Two Days

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—Economy forces resigned themselves to some approval of a billion-dollar farm bill, which Democratic Leader Barkley said would raise anew the question of imposing additional taxes.

Barkley told newsmen that the tax question would be posed because increases made in the bill since it passed the house would offset, approximately \$300,000,000 of reductions voted previously in President Roosevelt's budget estimates.

Until the senate appropriations committee upped the farm appropriation, the trend had been to slash budget estimates to avoid \$460,000,000 of new taxes recommended by the president. The legislators are leery of imposing new levies—or of raising the \$45,000,000,000 limit on the public debt—in an election year.

"I suppose," Barkley told reporters, "that these increases (in the farm bill) could be justified on the theory that savings will be made in other appropriations bills coming later."

The senate has not yet acted on defense or relief outlays.

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), floor manager for the committee-approved bill appropriating \$322,864,668 and providing \$100,000,000 in loans for agricultural purposes, contended that there was no need to worry about either increased taxes or raising the debt limitation.

"The parity payments for which we hope to make appropriations will not be made to the farmers until the fall of 1941, and congress will be in session again before that," he said.

Russell added it was possible that much of the money proposed for such payments would not be spent if the prices of farm products rose.

Leaders agreed informally that the farm bill would be taken up in the senate Monday after a vote on an amendment to the Hatch anti-politics bill. The decision to lay aside the latter measure, which would curb political activities of state employees paid in whole or in part with federal money, was reached Saturday after prolonged speaking which some friends of the bill called a filibuster against it.

Russell predicted the farm appropriation would be passed with only minor changes. Senator McNary of Oregon, the republic leader, agreed.

Nor could Senator Lodge (R-Mass.), one of those who tried unsuccessfully in committee to trim the appropriation, see any hope for a revival of economy sentiment.

Some supporters of the farm bill predicted that senate debate would not require more than two days. Once the measure is out of the way, the senate will take up house-approved legislation to extend the reciprocal trade program for three years.

Bootleg Ring Is Indicted in N. Y.

Policeman, Sheriff and
Warden Among Those
Held

NEW YORK. —(AP)—A New York state police sergeant, a former sheriff of Rockland county and a game warden of the county, and 40 other persons, were indicted Monday in what the government described as a million-dollar bootleg conspiracy.

**Soldiers Are Reminded
They'll Pay for War**
SOMEWHERE-IN-FRANCE. —(AP)—Economy notices plastered up throughout the British Expeditionary Force's area in France urge soldiers to "fight waste as you would fight the enemy."

Reminding the men in the field that they will have to pay for the war in the end, the notices ask them to avoid extravagance on the "easy come, easy go" principle.

Britain's war is costing around \$28,000,000 a day.

When last seen, President Roosevelt was headed into the Pacific. May be he's just planning to drop in and see Jimmy about certain things.

Quills are said to have been first used for pens in the year 565.

Next: Where the pressure is greatest, and what it costs.

How Many Farms Does America Need?



Here is one of the ironies of the American farm problem. The Department of Agriculture makes studies which indicate that one-half American farms are prosperous, the other half poverty-stricken, and that the prosperous half could do the whole job of

(Second of three stories.)

By BRUCE CATTON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" was a shocker aimed at the fertile valley ranches of California. But in the minds of many of the Department of Agriculture's experts, it is a symbol of something that is happening to American agriculture as a whole.

This something is the growth of what they believe to be a new kind of agriculture, in which a farm is a crop-producing factory, not a way of life—and in which some authorities foresee the rise of a permanent "caste" of landless farm workers.

One authority, Paul S. Taylor, professor of economics at the University of California, testified before the La Follette committee on California farm labor troubles. Professor Taylor held that the plight of the "Okies" offers a preview of what is beginning to happen in many other localities.

**Sees Shrinking Chance to
'Work Up'**
Until recently, he declares, a hard-working, thrifty man could begin as a tenant or "hired man" and wind up a farm owner. But now "a large number of persons gainfully employed in agriculture—probably not far from one-third—have more or less fixed labor status as wage workers or sharecroppers."

Dr. O. E. Baker, senior economist in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, remarks that farming is split into halves—half prosperous, half poverty-stricken. He adds:

"As tenancy and mortgage debt have increased, there has been a tendency to extend the borders of the country characterized by poverty."

Here are some of the figures Dr. Baker dug out:

In 1929—a prosperous year—half the farmers in America sold 89 per cent of the farm produce and the other half sold 11 per cent. He estimates the first group could produce that additional 11 per cent—so that "half the farms of the nation are not needed to feed and clothe the non-farm people."

More than a quarter of the nation's farms in 1929 raised less than \$600 in produce. (The average European peasant, says Dr. Baker, does nearly twice this well.) Nearly 1,000,000 farms produced less than \$400 apiece—and only a fifth of these were part-time farms.

Farm tendency has been increasing, Dr. Baker says. Twenty-five per cent of our farmers were tenants in 1880; 42 per cent in 1935, and in some states the percentage was up to 70.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics asserts, "It has become increasingly difficult for tenants to become owners. . . . We have the beginnings of a permanent stratification of our farm population."

Big Companies Increase Holdings
Hearings of the Temporary National Economic Committee, department experts said, showed how good farm land has passed into ownership of big investment companies.

The 26 leading life insurance companies today hold \$529,000,000 worth of farm land, acquired through foreclosure of mortgages.

Metropolitan Life, with 1,430,000 acres in 7153 farms, is today the nation's biggest farmer. More than 8 per cent of all the land in Iowa is today owned by the insurance companies.

A minograph prepared in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that the equity in the total farm land of the nation held by those who are cultivating the land has dropped from 62 per cent in 1880, to 39 per cent today.

CRANIUM CRACKERS
Initial Knowledge
You undoubtedly know every one of the men, but do you know what their middle initials stand for? Each is identified, just to make it easier:

1. Richard E. Byrd, aviator and explorer.

2. Chester A. Arthur, twenty-first President of the U. S. A.

3. Newton D. Baker, American lawyer and war secretary.

4. Bernard M. Branch, American financier.

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Steamer Hannover Scuttled by Nazis

Ship Trapped in Neutral Zone and Is
Abandoned

LONDON. —(AP)—Interception of the 5,600-ton German steamer Hannover by a British cruiser near Puerto Rico, in the heart of the Pan-American neutrality zone, was announced Sunday night. A communiqué said the Nazi vessel had been set afire and abandoned by her crew to avoid capture.

The Admiralty said the intercepted ship had taken place Thursday night in Mona channel, a 75-mile strip of water separating Puerto Rico from the Dominican republic and a vital link in United States plans for defense of the Panama Canal.

Tried to Run Blockade
The Hannover, loaded with 6,000 tons of ore and lumber, had sailed last Tuesday from Wilhelmstad, Netherlands West Indies, in an attempt to run the British blockade. Wilhelmstad is about 460 miles due south of Mona channel. The name of the British cruiser was not disclosed.

On January 15 Britain advised the Americans that she could not respect the Pan-American neutrality belt except under certain conditions, such as guarantees against the zone "becoming a sanctuary" from which German ships might venture forth. She also warned that any attempt by the United States to punish British vessels would cause "friction."

Three More Ships Sunk
Sinking of three more British vessels was disclosed. The 2,719-ton fighter-destroyer HMS. Zetland, 1,918 tons, went down after a collision with an unidentified vessel. Crews of both ships were saved.

The steamer Borthwick, 1,097 tons, also was mined during the week-end off the Netherlands coast near Flushing. All the crew members were saved.

Hempstead to Get \$17,009 for Schools

LITTLE ROCK. —(AP)—The State Board of Education Monday fixed the quarterly allotment at \$1.61 per capita for the state's common school fund.

Allotments included: Hempstead county, \$17,009.65.

A Thought

How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished.—II Samuel 1:27.

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10,000 Chinese Dead, Jap Claim

HONGKONG, China. —(AP)—The Japanese army in south China Monday night stated that the Chinese had abandoned 10,000 dead after three days of fighting with the Japanese in the Swatow area.

The Japanese said "masses of Chinese troops were attracted" to this region and then "were decisively smashed."

Autopsy Ordered Student's Death

Missouri College Pupils
Dies After Frat
Initiation

COLUMBIA, Mo. —(AP)—Coroner W. R. Toalson ordered an autopsy in the death of Hubert L. Spake, Jr., University of Missouri sophomore from Kansas City, a few hours after he had been initiated into an organization not recognized on the campus.

Fraternity brothers were unable to arouse Spake when they went to his room in the Kappa Sigma house.

Francis Barnes, St. Louis, president of the Kappa Sigma chapter, said Spake was found unconscious in his bed by L. H. Johnson, Lebanon, and Bob Tracy, Robertson.

Failing to awaken him they called Paul Christian, Maplewood, Mo., university football hero, and Gene Herbst, St. Louis, fellow occupants of the fraternity house. The latter two suggested Spake be taken to the university hospital.

Dr. Dan G. Stine, head of the hospital, said Spake was dead upon arrival.

Coroner Toalson said the youth's body was painted in several spots with an antiseptic.

Barnes said he believed the antiseptic had been applied at an initiation of an unrecognized fraternity which he said Spake attended Saturday night.

The Kappa Sigma chapter president said Spake was initiated into the unrecognized fraternity Saturday night and that he had returned to the Kappa Sigma house and went to bed about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Coroner W. R. Toalson early Sunday night said that Spake smothered to death.

Toalson said that the youth "had evidently been on a party and returned home intoxicated" Saturday night and had turned over on his face. The coroner said that he planned no further investigation of the case.

Arkansas Court Stands by Ruling

Chiropractic Work in
State Requires Examinations

LITTLE ROCK. —(AP)—Arkansas supreme court refused Monday to disturb its ruling of January 15 in which applicants for a license to practice chiropractic in Arkansas must pass examinations of bacteriology and pathology in addition to other basic sciences.

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COTTON

NEW YORK. —(AP)—Cotton for May opened Monday at 10.71 and closed at 10.71-72, middling spot 19.97.

Welles' Mission Is Peace Attempt

Sincere Effort for
Peace Object of
European Trip

By BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. —Most of the early skepticism about the administration's motives in sending Sumner Welles to Europe, has evaporated. What ever his trip may actually accomplish, it is "new clear that it was inspired by a genuine desire to make peace—and hence was more than a mere information-collecting expedition."

There were three big reasons for the peace move.

First, the peace societies and the churches had been putting heavy pressure on the White House ever since the neutrality act was revised last fall. This got so strong that in sheer self-defense, if for no other reason, something had to be done.

Second, diplomats from the neutral nations of Europe let the administration know that their countries would warmly welcome a U. S. move for peace and would help it all they could.

Third, high officials in the administration are growing very pessimistic about the economic outlook after the war. One cabinet member is drafting a report predicting that if the war is fought to a finish there will be a great extension of nationalistic economies, a la pre-September Germany, no matter who wins—so great an extension that he frankly fears this country would be obliged to follow suit, to some extent, whether it wanted to or not and regardless of which party happened to be in power.

Will F. D. R. Run? "He Is Running"

The other day I asked a prominent New Deal official if the President was going to run for a third term. Said he:

"Don't be silly. He IS running—has been for months. And he's doing such a beautiful job of it that none of the other Democratic candidates can get to first base."

Apparently human nature is everything they say it is. Farm Security Administration has a number of camps for migratory workers in the far west. Recently it built a few permanent farm-colonies on the edges of some of these camps, establishing 40 to 50 migrant families in each one with a neat low-cost home, garden plot and chance for a regular job for each family.

And a department field worker reports that in most cases as soon as a family is so established it starts looking down its nose at the migrants in the nearby camp and talking scornfully about "these shiftless Okies who come out here looking for work."

Bill Would Reduce Cuban Sugar Quota
After much travail, the House "sugar bloc" has brought forth a bill which would lop 200,000-odd tons off the Cuban sugar quota. The lion's share of the additional tonnage thus made available to American-flag producers would go to maintain cane and beet producers, with Hawaii and Puerto Rico getting only trifling increases.

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Sweden doesn't want troops to aid Finland walking across Sweden soil and probably messing up the countryside with their muddy boots.

The average daily school attendance in Texas in 1939 was 1,141,664 a gain of 97,000 compared with 1938.

Wayne Vines, 21, Is Fatally Hurt Truck Collision

Sustains Broken Neck,
Skull Fracture Early
Sunday

3 OTHERS HURT

Stolen Truck Figures
in Crash Six Miles
West of Hope

Wayne Vines, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Vines living south of Hope, died in Josephine hospital at 11:30 o'clock Sunday night of injuries sustained early Sunday morning in a collision of two trucks on Highway 67 about six miles west of Hope.

Physicians said he died of a broken neck, skull fracture, broken left leg and arm, numerous cuts and bruises about the body.

Vines was brought to the hospital about 4 o'clock Sunday morning in an unconscious condition. He died without regaining consciousness.

Funeral Tuesday
Besides his parents, he is survived by two brothers and five sisters. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with burial in New Hope cemetery near Patmos.

Vines' truck collided head-on with another truck occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smith of Paducah, Ky., and Vance Montgomery of Edinburg, Texas.

The truck driven by Vines and occupied by himself, was traveling east toward Hope. The Smith truck was enroute from Paducah, Ky., to Edinburg, Texas.

The Smith truck left the highway and overturned. The occupants were brought to Josephine hospital, treated for minor injuries, and released. Both trucks were demolished.

Truck Is Stolen
Hope police said the truck driven by Vines was stolen here about 11 o'clock Saturday night. The vehicle was the property of J. O. Luck of Hope.

Slayer of Youth Gives Up to Posse

Fugitive Fails to Resist
After Being
Cornered

TINSMAN. —(AP)—Chased from his hiding place in a dense woods by blood hounds, an armed man surrendered to a posse of state and county officers near here Saturday afternoon in connection with the slaying of Elmo Kelly, 17, at Warren Thursday night.

State Patrol

SUPERSTITION AND HEALTH

By Dr. MORRIS FISHER
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Sick People Unusually Susceptible To Suggestions of Superstitions

For every superstition held by human beings there is a reason in history. The average healthy man believes in innumerable notions. He may be convinced that breaking a mirror means seven years of bad luck, that walking under a ladder means more bad luck, that 13 is an unlucky number, and that a horseshoe hanging over a door keeps away trouble.

When he gets sick he is even more full of superstitions. Now he casts reason aside and believes anything that anybody tells him. His credulity increases in direct proportion to the severity of the disease.

Superstitions die hard. Many people believe that intelligent children are likely to be weaker than the average child. For this notion there is not the slightest support in fact. The superstition is based on a number of impressions and alibis.

There is the common belief that everything tends to level out and that if one person is exceedingly fortunate in making money, he is likely to be unfortunate in his health or in his family arrangements.

There is a belief that if a girl is unusually handsome, she is probably vain and conceited.

There is a belief that ugly girls are likely to be more kind and pleasant than good-looking girls. These are beliefs based on compensations and wishes. In other words, it is the tendency of the human mind to make us satisfy a deficiency by giving us an advantage in some other particular.

If we were to make a careful study, however, we would find many strong healthy persons among distinguished scholars. For instance, the requirements for colleges nowadays are such that the athletes in many institutions must be men of a very high intelligence rating. Furthermore, the very demands of modern sport require more than average intelligence for leadership.

The Rhodes scholars, all of whom are outstanding for intellectual achievement, must also have shown their athletic ability. In the same way young men who qualify for West Point and Annapolis must be able to qualify not only mentally but physically.

The child who does well in school is one who is willing to put in a certain number of hours of study. Such a child tends, therefore, to be perhaps somewhat less active than the child who cares little for study.

Furthermore, children with weak eyes who have to wear heavy glasses seldom participate in athletic sports and tend, therefore, to spend more time reading. These are the only bases that exist for the superstition that intelligent children are apt to be weaker than the average.

Where Does Everybody Stand?

Nothing serves to illustrate more prominently the lack of direction in the world's current wars than the conflicting alliances among nations. Sacred principles may not be so much as purely material and immediate gains.

In a general way, we are told, it is democracy against Fascism. Do or fight to the finish. On that basis, the sides ought to be fairly easy to line up. England, France and China on the side of democracy, among the powers; Germany, Italy, Japan and recently adopted Russia on the Fascist side. There should be a clear line of demarcation, with the opposing ideologies as represented by these nations pitted against each other.

Try it out on paper, and see how it works. With democracies labeled "D," and pro-Fascist nations tagged "F," will give you a rough idea:

1. Germany (F), Italy (F) and Japan (F) together in anti-Comintern pact.

2. Germany (F) signs up with Russia (F).

3. Italy (F) and Japan (F) oppose Russia (F).

4. France (D) and England (D) oppose Germany (F).

5. Britain (D) and France (D) are joined by Japan (F).

6. Germany (F) gives assistance to Italy (D) in war against Japan (F).

7. Russia (D) fights Finland (D).

8. Italy (F) aids Finland (D).

How can the baffled little man who's riding along the ropes with a word look on his brow choose sides? He's one of the democratic neutrals, has a general idea that he's rooting for the allies. But he can't be sure, and France are said to be being receptive ears to Japan, while many, arch enemy of democracy, is there pitching for China. It doesn't help.

For democracy isn't in the scrap all. It could be that this highly illogical national virtue ducked out just one and is even now hiding behind island somewhere, resentful that name is being used in vain over spilled blood of a lot of nice young men.

Answer to Cranium Cracker

- Questions on Page One
1. Richard Evelyn Byrd.
 2. Chester Alan Arthur.
 3. Newton Diehl Baker.
 4. Bernard Mannes Baruch.
 5. James Gillespie Blaine.
 6. James Aloysius Farley.
 7. Thomas Alva Edison.

FICTION WRITER

Horizontal

1. Favorite children's writer.

2. Christian.

3. One skilled in military matters.

4. To apportion.

5. Room recess.

6. Genus of finks.

7. Clock face.

8. Neuter pronoun.

9. The shank.

10. Refined woman.

11. The soul.

12. Wan.

13. To employ.

14. 1000 pounds.

15. Sea tales.

16. To jog.

17. Make fish.

18. To help.

19. Comet train.

20. Note in scale.

21. Subbed in.

22. Int.

23. Feet.

Vertical

1. Sword handle.

2. Data.

3. North Africa.

4. Growls.

5. Is sick.

6. Born.

7. Doctor.

8. One that raids.

9. To kill.

10. Measure of length.

11. Negative.

12. His.

13. Guide thread.

14. Fruit pastry.

15. To tramp.

16. Chaos.

17. Finish.

18. Silk worm.

19. Money changing.

20. Female horse.

21. He was.

22. By nationality.

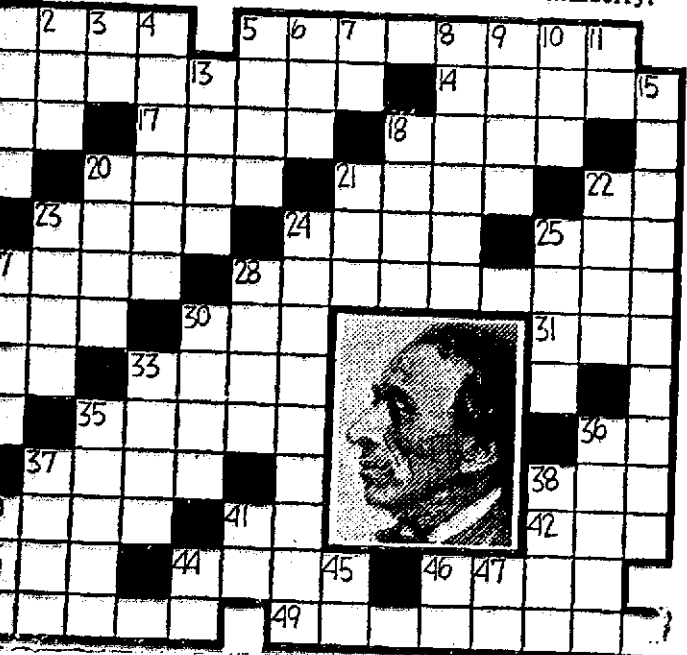
23. He was a last century.

24. And story-writer.

25. Gave him world-wide fame.

26. 46 Myself.

27. 47 Indian mulberry.



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The bright boys are jealous of the success of a glamor girl. So they have decided to ignore the success—and name her most "unlikely to succeed," just to feel better about the depressing situation.

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Men have managed the world so that a woman's brains seldom make her any money. Even if she gets a chance to use them, they don't bring the returns that the same amount of masculine brains brings.

But there is not much they can do about the girls making "oomph" pay big dividends. Not so long as men are men and women are women. All they can do is decide that \$100,000 a year isn't success.

WE THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Is undergraduate taste changing? Is a girl who gets by largely on her sex appeal a has-been so far as today's educated young men are concerned?

Those are the questions that the boys at Harvard have brought up by their choice of screen star Ann Sheridan as "most unlikely to succeed."

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4. Who is seated on the hosts' right?
5. Where is the woman second in importance—either by age or distinction—seated?
6. What would you do if—
(a) Put a man who is a big talker next to a woman who is a good listener?
(b) Put the most talkative guests next to each other?

Answers

1. During the soup course.
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3. No.
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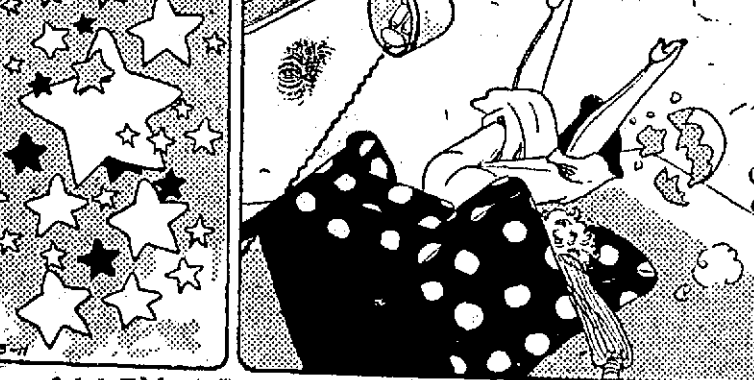
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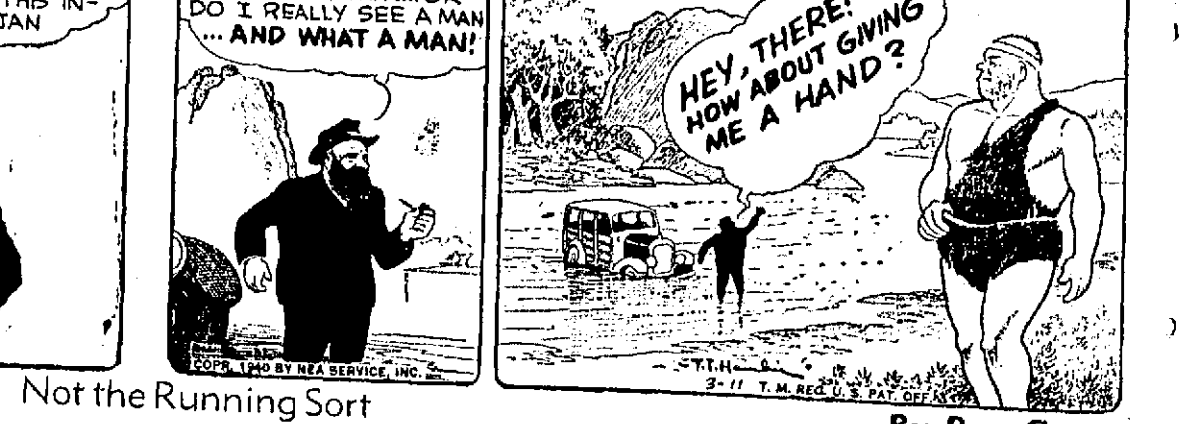
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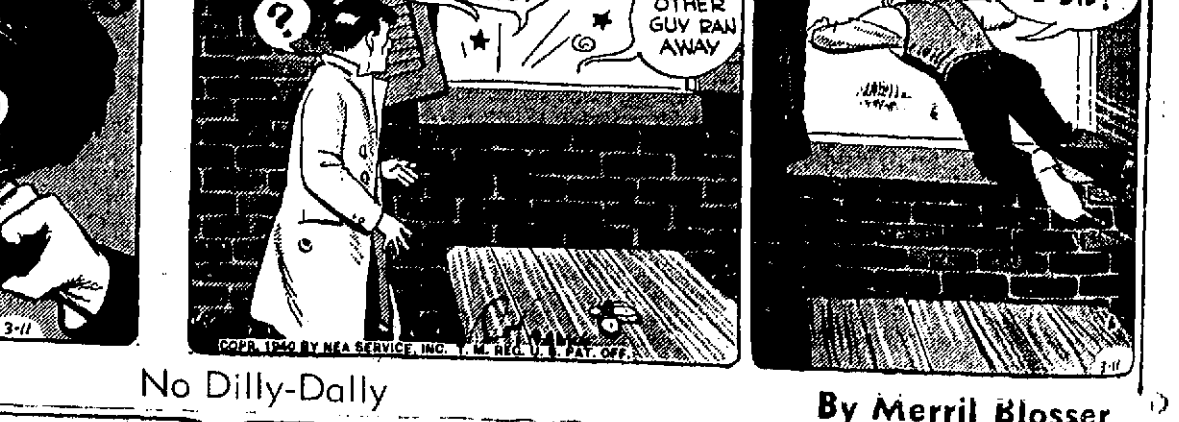
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Breath of Spring

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Of red of breast and gray of wing.
And the first notes that the robins sing:
Of the faint green tracery of leaves,
Of pale moonlight while the hoot owl grieves,
And the spell that rippling water weaves.
Of scent of roses in the air,
And daffodils so debonaire,
Of sun-drenched beauty everywhere;
Cold dew where morning glories cling
The loveliness a shower can bring—
Of such consists the breath of spring.
—Selected.

Miss Ellen Carrigan of Minden High School faculty spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Carrigan and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Robison have received word from their son, Captain Al Robison, now in Panama at Gorgas Hospital Ancon Canal Zone.

that he has been ordered to the States in May, where he will be located at the Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Al has been notified from headquarters in Washington that his name has been selected to a Fellowship of the American College of Physicians.

As a compliment from her granddaughter, Miss Martha Ann Singleton, Mrs. L. E. Singleton was the honoree Saturday afternoon at a very delightful gathering of old Main street friends and neighbors, in celebration of her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Singleton belongs to one of Hope's oldest and best known families, closely identified with the building up of Main street, where may be found some of the oldest homes in our city. Following a pleasant hour of conversation and reminiscence, the hostess assisted by Miss Mary Wilson and Mrs. C. F. Rounton served a delicious ice course with embossed individual loaves.

Frank Ethridge of Horatio spent the week-end with his sisters, Miss Mable Ethridge and Mrs. W. J. Foster.

The regular monthly meeting of the John Cain chapter, D. A. R. has been postponed from Tuesday until Thursday, March 14 with a 12 o'clock luncheon at Hotel Barlow, with Mrs. J. G. Martindale, Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Mrs. Chas. Locke and Miss Frances City or hostesses and Mrs. R. L. Searey leading the program.

The Oglesby F. T. A. will meet at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Oglesby School. All members are urged to be present.

Rev. Harry Wintermeyer, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church will spend Tuesday in Little Rock where he will attend the ordination of the Rev. Gardner D. Underhill to the Episcopal priesthood at Trinity Cathedral, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Rt. Rev. R. Blund Mitchell, D. D. bishop of Arkansas will officiate.

Edward T. Wayne, Mrs. Sid Henry, Miss Mae Jamison and Bishop and Queen spent Sunday in Wickes, Ark.

The Althean class of First Baptist Sunday school will hold its regular monthly business and social meeting at 7:30 Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gunter, 109 East Division. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Bennie Shipp of Little Rock is spending a few days visiting with Mrs. W. Y. Foster and Miss Mabel Ethridge.

Mrs. S. L. Bracy had a week-end guest, her nephew, Orrin Battle of Baton Rouge, La.

Mrs. E. F. McFaddin and Miss Mary McFaddin saw "Gone With the Wind" in Texarkana, Saturday.

The Euzelian class of First Baptist Sunday school will hold its regular monthly business and social meeting at 7:30 Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clyde Coffee, West Third street.

Negro Follies at City Auditorium

Yerger recreational council will present the "negro follies of 1940" at the city hall auditorium Monday night, March 18. The show consists of two choruses, jokes, latest song hits, dances and blues numbers. The show is under the direction of Carlos Ladd. Proceeds will go for the purchase of playground equipment. Seats have been reserved for white persons.

Arp Girl Is Named Milkmaid Queen



Miss Hazel Waldron, above, Arp, was chosen queen of the East Texas milkmaids at the Arp calf show. She received prizes from the National Cotton Council and local merchants.

Jonesboro Winner State Tournament

Defeats Stuttgart in Final Round By Score 60-32

JONESBORO.—(P)—The Jonesboro Hurricane roared into the state high school basketball championship here Saturday night, defeating the dark-horse Stuttgart Rice Birds 60 to 32 in the finals of the annual state cage tournament.

The Hurricane unleashed a furious attack before some 2,500 fans to return to the peak of the Arkansas cage circles. Champs in 1937 and 1938, the gilded gang lost their crown at Fayetteville last year.

Although the Hurricane registered one of the highest scoring totals in the tournament in winning the crown of the class A division, their real brilliance was defense as they stopped the previously high-scoring Ricebirds. Stuttgart, conquerors of the powerful Hope and Beebe teams, tumbled before the superb passing attack of the Hurricane.

Howard Barringer, state high school conference scoring champ, registered 22 points in leading the Hurricane to the championship. Jonesboro advanced to the finals with victories over Mansfield and Alma and a forfeit from Nemo-Vista.

New Edinburg, a Cleveland county high school, won the class B state basketball championship, defeating Omaha district.

New Edinburg, which advanced to the finals by virtue of a first-round bye and victories over Formosa and Judsonia, played cautiously in the first half to test out Omaha's stubborn zone defense. The Cleveland county school led at half time 19-16.

In the second half, New Edinburg turned on the heat with Forward Grover Sims leading the way. Sims registered 22 points for the winners. Big Leonard Clements, New Edinburg center, contributed 16 points to the cause. Matlock, Omaha's rangy forward, kept the district 2 team from Boone county in the game with his sharp-shooting. He caged 20 points.

Playing like a well-oiled machine, Jonesboro's Golden Hurricane marched into the final round of the class A championship against the surprising "dark horse" entry from Stuttgart.

Few Road Workers Affected By Act

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—State Highway Director W. W. Mitchell expressed belief only a small percentage of state highway department workers would be affected by a proposed amendment to the Hatch act extending the ban on political activity of most federal employees to employees of state departments whose salaries are paid in part or in full with federal funds.

Mitchell said most of the highway funds used for salaries were limited to employees of the planning division, resident engineers and a few employees in the lower salary bracket engaged in actual construction work. He said salaries of the state director and division heads came from strictly state funds.

Christmas Seal Sale in Arkansas \$37,500

LITTLE ROCK.—Proceeds of the 1939 Christmas Seal Sale will total at least \$37,500, a five per cent increase over the 1938 total, it was announced by Homer M. Adkins, president of the Arkansas Tuberculosis Association. A few units have not yet reported. In the annual sale contest, Mr. Adkins reported that Wilson, Ark., won first place in the large towns group with a per capita contribution of \$5.09 cents. In the small town group Tikee won first prize with a per capita sale of 69.97 cents, and the second prize in this group went to Scyppee with 23.25 cents per capita.

They're Off! And Yearling Sprinter Wins Diaper Derby



Off to a ragged start are the contestants in the General Diaper Derby, recently held by a New York children's magazine. The racers, all between 11 and 14 months old, crawled a 20-foot course, with their mothers rooting them on through megaphones. Speedster of the pack was year-old Gail Swanson, of Forest Hills, L. I.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



THE STORY OF DEMOCRACY

By Hendrik Willem van Loon

Illustrated by the author

Democracy Works Out Better for Small Countries Than It Does in Larger Ones



There is small profit to be derived from the comparison of ancient forms of democracy with our modern ones.

Chapter Seven
People today, taking a much greater interest in political questions than ever before, are very apt to wonder why, by and large, the so-called small neutral states of Europe happen to be so much further along the road of progress than the larger empires.

Why can Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland and all the others give their people peace and quiet and an orderly form of government? Why have they succeeded so admirably in removing all slums, in providing pensions for the aged?

And why is their political life almost completely free from the everlasting corruption and those financial scandals which in America seem to be an unavoidable and integral part of practical politics?

Generals are always dangerous, but I think that we can answer those questions by just one word—"size." These countries are small. They are inhabited by homogeneous groups of people.

This does not hold true of course for Switzerland, but the excellent system of popular education has so far removed the average Swiss from the prejudices of a narrow-minded nationalism that the French, Ger-

would dream of avoiding military service or asking for any other privileges. This does not mean that any of these small countries are exactly a political Paradise. Ambitious lawyers and school-teachers and labor-leaders fight each other at election time with intense bitterness.

But these quarrels are "family quarrels," so to speak. And while a Socialist, prime minister may—in theory at least—be a confirmed Republican, this will not prevent him from being on the most amicable personal terms with the monarch whom he wants to depose and from discussing with his majesty the affairs of their common country over a friendly game of bridge.

Such things are, of course, only possible in small countries where everybody knows everybody else. For in such countries, every neighbor knows pretty much everything about all his other neighbors. And such a familiarity tends to keep everybody honest.

For let a government official in a small Dutch or Danish town bestow a fur coat worth 180 crowns upon his wife; when all his neighbors know that he could (according to his income) afford only 140 crowns for this unnecessary luxury, and pretty soon a delegation of government accountants will appear from the nearby capital to make an inspection of his books.

All this, to an even more microscopic degree, held true of ancient Greece. Athens, even in the heyday of its glory, was not much larger than the township of Greenwich, Conn., in which I am writing this. Ten New York City blocks would have taken care of all the "free and equal" citizens who made up Aristotle's "polity."

And the strength of those famous Greek cities therefore lay not in the number of their inhabitants.

On the contrary, they were strong because they were small. For being small, they were homogeneous. That word means "being of a common origin—being alike—being of the same kind or nature."

Therefore there is small profit to be derived from a comparison of the ancient forms of democracy with our modern ones.

NEXT: When Good Democracy Becomes Bad Democracy, Autocracy Grows.

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The United States has a land and water area of 3,738,395 square miles, including outlying possessions.

England, France

(Continued from Page One)

Finland republic, the Helsinki government's communiqué revealed that a delegation headed by Premier Rytö left Finland last Wednesday on invitation of the Russian government to negotiate.

"No decision has been taken up to the present," the Finns said. It was the first time Russia had recognized the government headed by Premier Rytö, which was formed shortly after the red army began its invasion of Finland last November 30.

While the possible peace-makers talked, Finland's army communiqué reported bitter fighting on almost every front of the snow-covered, war zone, with piles of Russian bodies covering the ice of the Vuoksi river on the Karelian isthmus.

The Finns acknowledged that Russia had reached the north-Bay of Viipuri and the capture of the town of Nisvalhti, only nine miles west of Viipuri. It was the third town on the northwest coast of Viipuri bay, the Russians have reported taking in two days.

The possibility of Britain and France sending troops to help Finland was believed in authoritative Rome quarters to have been the chief topic of an hour and a quarter conference between Germany's Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and Premier Mussolini.

Fast U. S. Ships
WASHINGTON.—(P)—The war department it was reported authoritative Sunday, is considering the release of one of its latest model 400-mile an hour fighting planes for sale to France and Great Britain.

Aircraft trade circles heard that the plane is the Curtiss P-40, which the French especially have sought since an earlier and slower model of the same type, bought by the hundreds, demonstrated its worth in actual combat.

Ordered less than a year ago the first P-40 fighters are now being completed for the army air corps, which must approve foreign sales. Under war department official policy willingness to permit foreign governments to buy would mean an even more promising craft was ready for production.

The report circulated at a time when there were increasing signs of watchfulness in congress for administration favoritism for France and Britain.

Wariness lest the administration favor the allies at the expense of American air defenses was evidenced by the insistent questioning of Major General Henry H. Arnold, air corps chief, behind closed doors of the house military and military appropriations subcommittees last week.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

Pioneer Woman Fights Frontier In 'The Trees'

In the early years of America, when the great Northwest Territory was a land of forests, there were families who dared to invade this untraveled land, to battle for existence against savages, wild animals and solitude. Conrad Richter tells of such a family in his novel, "The Trees" (Knopf; \$2.50).

A land without game is no place for a hunter; so when Pennsylvania became too civilized, Worth Luckett moved his family into the Ohio land into the forests. The Lucketts "followed the woods as some families follow the sea." Worth broke the trail, followed by Sayward his eldest daughter, Genny Achsa, the boy Wyitt, Sully, the little one, all bearing some part of the family's worldly possessions only Worth's wife Jary, traveled light, for she was still.

While Richter's story is that of the Luckett family, his heroine is the strong, fearless Sayward, who assumed

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Ford Truck Demand Continues Heavy

DEARBORN, Mich. — Retail sales of Ford trucks and commercial cars during February were the heaviest for any February since 1937. It was announced at the home office of the Ford Motor Company here.

Deliveries to customers totaled 13,328 units, an increase of 33 per cent over February last year.

Indication that the spring buying spurt is getting under way was given by the figures for the last ten days of February. Sales for this period amounted to 5,106, which was 50 per cent greater than the same period last year.

With the Queen Elizabeth, New York has the three largest ships in the world in its harbor. They may come in handy in case something happens to the Staten Island ferry.

A New York legislative bill would make it illegal for women who have divorced and then re-married to sue for alimony. The measure threatens to take the profit out of marriage.

the responsibilities her father could not face, brought up the younger ones. Sayward stands out, a magnificent pioneer woman, typical of the unsung heroines who helped their men push the frontier westward.

There are bright spots in "The Trees" but they are as few as the patches of sunlight in the forest. The beauty of the novel is in its shadows, never black, always giving the promise of sun-shine to come when the trees are cleared.

Richer has made no attempt to write history, but he has achieved an outstanding picture of frontier life. When Jary dies the family faces death alone. Later, when the forest swallows Sully, there are neighbors, other forest families, who have followed the Lucketts, to share the tragedy.

The father's hunting instinct and the mother's love of an established home battle in their children. In Achsa and Wyitt the hunter predominates. Only Sayward conquers the trees to clear a farm and to find her happiness in a home.

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Over Birth Rates Post-War Problem Divorces Also Could Be Aftermath of War

YORK, N. Y. — Lower birth rates and more divorces are some of the problems that beset nations in years following the end of hostilities. If the experience of the World War may be taken as a guide, according to the statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Problems, the statisticians say, are traceable to the tragedy of war, young lives lost in battle, loss of a dearth of marriageable young men and creates a situation in which the men who came back through the conflict—both older and find themselves at a disadvantage in the marriage mart, for women outnumber them. Matches, sorted as to age, then often result in fewer children are born and become more frequent.

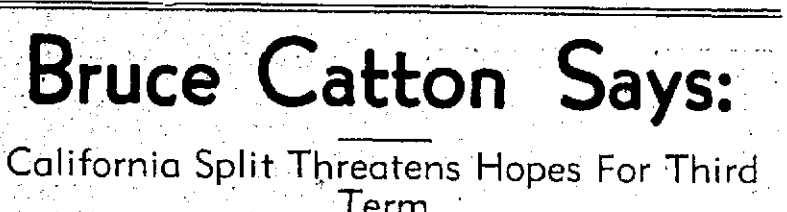
Toll of young lives taken in war was high by the fact that in the World War 12 per cent of German military deaths and 33 per cent of the losses were of men under 30. These heavy losses are reflected in the World War and comparing the female population between the years of 15 and 44 with that of the years of 20 and 49 active age periods in which marriage is most apt to occur.

Every belligerent country, but Belgium—the first census after the World War showed that the women of the principal "marrying" ages outnumbered the men by more than 20 per cent, and in certain eastern European countries by more than 30 per cent. Belgium was an exception because of the swift attack of the German army in the war, permitted only a small number of Belgian mobilization, and consequently Belgium lost comparatively few men.

As a result of the surplus of women occurred a marked change in the proportions of the married men and women, the statistician explained. "For example, the German census of 1925 showed a marked increase in the proportion of the married men in the adult male population compared with the 1910 census, decrease in the adult female population. Among other things, this indicates that competition in the marriage market was such that men who in ordinary times, not be considered particularly desirable husbands did find wives in circumstances existing after the war. There was, for instance, an increase in the proportion of marriages in which the groom was older than the bride. This is often a source of much domestic content and was presumably a factor, in part, for the rise in divorce rate which took place after the war.

"The disparity in numbers between the sexes also meant a decrease in the birth rate, for a time at least, unless there was an increase in the fertility of married pairs. Also, the comparatively large numbers of marriages in which the groom was much older than the bride, had an adverse effect on the birth rate. It is not surprising, therefore, that the birth rate continued to fall after the war."

"Leg Art" For Campus Show



Determined to hit the highest professional level in the production of their traditional Leap Year "Big C Circus", Sigma Nu's University of California chapter at Berkeley has engaged Alycia, queen of the nudists, to handle the burlesque concession. The show will be held under a big top at Edwards Athletic Field on the campus.

Bruce Catton Says: California Split Threatens Hopes For Third Term

By BRUCE CATTON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — A political situation extremely unfavorable to the President's third-term hopes—if he really has any—is developing in California.

A Democratic factional fight there is rapidly shaping up which, in the opinion of party leaders in Washington, will badly embarrass him in getting the state's convention delegates, may throw those delegates to some other candidate and thus his chance of carrying the state next fall if he does get the nomination.

Importance of this last point lies in the fact that California has heretofore been rated a fairly safe Democratic state, and is considered one of the states the Democratic nominee must carry if he is to be elected.

Two Slates Being Formed for F. D. R.

To begin with, two Roosevelt slates of delegates are in the making. One is headed by Gov. Culbert L. Olson; the other will shortly be formed by the

Deduct Gasoline Tax From Report Registration and Other Fees May Be Deducted

LITTLE ROCK — When making out federal income tax returns, Arkansas motorists may deduct money paid out during 1939 as a result of the States' gasoline tax rate of 8 1/2 cents, Grover T. Owens, president of the Arkansas Automobile Club, declared.

Reporting on income tax deductions allowed motorists by reason of car operation, he continued:

"Every penny paid to the state in form of registration and other special fees may be deducted by Arkansas motorists. Also, they may deduct amounts paid out in state gasoline taxes when traveling through most of the other states as the Bureau of Internal Revenue now allows full deductions for all but ten states, namely, Alabama, California, Georgia, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Wyoming and Ohio where 3c of the 4c tax is deductible.

"However, it is important to remember that amounts paid out in Federal gasoline and other excise taxes are strictly not deductible.

"Other deductible items include loss sustained from damage when not covered by insurance or other compensation, and interest on money borrowed for purchase of a car. Finance charges, as such, are not deductible and whether a portion of the charge can be deducted as interest depends upon the nature of the contract. A reasonable deduction may also be made for annual automobile depreciation.

"American Automobile Association national headquarters has prepared a booklet listing all deductions that may be made by motorists when making out income tax returns. The Arkansas Automobile Club has a supply of these booklets on hand to aid car owners when the time comes for them to wrestle with Uncle Sam's annual questionnaire."

Non-Freeze Fire

CRANE, Mo.—(AP)—The fire of the week was reported at Crane. A seven-day-old pile of ashes suddenly came to life in weather that would have frozen the heart of anything else. It burned the straw-thatch anti-freeze covering from a nearby strawberry patch.

A speed of 90 miles an hour has been attained on skis.

Six Killed When Auto Plunges Off Bridge



Six persons were killed, five instantly, in New York when their automobile plunged 30 feet from the approach to the Macombs Dam bridge into a coal bunker. Police said the accident was caused by skidding on a wet pavement. In the above photo, the death car is shown at lower left. Arrows mark point where car fell, top right, and bodies of victims, lower right.

order that when he starts to go around the vehicle and finds that the way is not clear, he can swing back in line without danger.

2. The next point is to ascertain that the way is clear for ample distance ahead in which to effect the overtaking and passing and if the way is clear to pull around, keeping well over from the vehicle which is being passed, sounding horn and accelerating so as to get by as rapidly as possible.

3. Return to the right side of the road must not be made until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. A fool-proof guide for this operation is to be able to see the overtaken vehicle in the rear view mirror before returning to the right side of the road.

4. The driver of the vehicle which is being overtaken and passed can also contribute to the safety of the operation by keeping well to the right and lifting his foot from the accelerator as the other vehicle goes around. This permits a slight reduction in speed and provides an additional margin of clearance necessary in event the driver of the first vehicle does not exercise due care when overtaking and passing.

Both Paul McNutt Hoover are accused of having too much glamour. Looks as if better times are ahead for the boys and girls who aren't the Life of the Party.

Mussolini doesn't want to fight over a few lumps of coal—especially with warmer weather coming on soon.

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Improper Overtaking and Passing Frequent Cause of Car Accidents

One of the most frequent causes of serious accidents on the highways of the State is failure to use due care when overtaking and passing other vehicles. This comment was made by W. W. Mitchell, Director of Highways, in connection with the weekly review of the traffic accident situation. In brief, the "Uniform Act Regulating Traffic" in Arkansas provides: "Before overtaking and passing a vehicle on the left, sound horn and be sure there is safe passing distance. Return to the right side of the road should not be made until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle."

The standard instructions on this operation issued by the State Highway Department's Division of Traffic and Safety points out four distinct steps which, if observed, will eliminate accidents of this kind:

1. Upon overtaking a vehicle, the driver should slow down and adjust his speed to practically that of the overtaken vehicle. This is necessary in

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CHAPTER XVII

Steve waited for her at the shop but she is dead. He meets Paul at the El. He is dead by his anger. She finally smiles a smile from him and a smile of no more misadventure. Goes home happy.

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Neddy spoke up. "I wouldn't wait if I was you," she said, tossing her head. "You're only young once. You'd be pretty if you fixed yourself up."

"As pretty as us," Teddy added. "Maybe I could get a job for you on the elevators," Neddy suggested.

Myrtle looked down at her red hands. "I'll stay on here with my ma," she said. "I'll wait."

"You're a fool," Neddy told her. "Just a fool," said Teddy.

Ann spoke sharply from the bedroom. "Leave Myrtle alone. She knows what she wants to do." She came into the living room, carrying a dark silk dress. "Would you like to have this, Myrtle?" she asked. "We're about the same size and it doesn't fit me very well. I think it would look better on you."

Myrtle took the dress hungrily. "Oh, it's pretty. I haven't had a new dress since Bill and me was married. I'll wear it when I go to see him." Stammering her thanks, she ran from the room, holding the dress close to her thin little breast.

"What'll you wear?" Clara wanted to know. "That's your best work dress and you just paid to have it cleaned."

Ann said lightly, "Long as the remnant tables hold out I'm all right."

"I didn't mean to make her feel bad, but gosh—" Neddy said apologetically.

SUDDENLY a strange girl appeared in the doorway. Clara greeted her noisily, saying, "Ann, this is Betty. She was my roommate. She got married and lives downstairs. How goes it, Betty?"

"It goes something wonderful," she said, her eyes shining.

Clara and the twins were plainly envious of the narrow band on Betty's finger. Ann gazed at the wedding ring so desirably. Was it because these girls lived by a pattern and one phase of the pattern was marriage? Or was it a law of nature that each girl must find a mate? Or was it love? She didn't know. She had a feeling that the girls didn't know.

"Well," Betty said smugly, "I must get back to my husband." She preened herself a little. She said to Ann, "Won't you come and meet Jim?"

Ann walked down the stairs with her. Jim wore overalls, he had not shaved recently. He acknowledged the introduction awkwardly. As Ann turned away, he caught Betty in his arms. There was a closeness about them, a sense of belonging, that brought a quick ache to Ann's heart. Maybe

there was something in love and marriage. Two people, instead of one, against a pitiless world.

She glanced down the stairs at the hall door, watching for Paul. At that moment voices came to her from a nearby room, the loud, rough voices of men.

"My split was twenty-five—gimme twenty-five or I'll—"

"What'll you do?" a second voice sneered.

"I could tell a few things about you—"

"Shut up, you fool."

The door opened and the two men who had spoken to Ann when she first arrived at the house, came into the hall. They were thin and sawing and furtive eyed. Ann hastily ran back to the third floor.

PAUL came. He spoke pleasantly to Clara and the twins. He and Ann departed in the midst of excited chatter. Ann wondered what there was about the advent of a man to change an ordinary conversation into a feverish display of so-called wit and charm.

They walked four blocks to Garfield park and wandered through the dusky paths. The night was soft, with something of painful sweetness in the air. They sat down on a bench near the lagoon. They talked easily of impersonal things, relaxing in the pleasant quiet. Paul did not mention Steve Claybourne. After a while he told Ann a little of his college days.

"I paid my way at the fraternity house by pressing suits and waiting on table," he said. "Living with a gang like that for four years makes this sort of life seem pretty lonely."

"Yes, I know what it is to be lonely."

He hesitated for a moment, as if turning something in his mind. Then, "The fraternity men in town have an organization, the Athens Club. The spring hop is coming off next week. I'd like to take you if you'd care to go."

Ann's eyes shone. A dance—a nice dance—with Paul. "Oh, I'd love to go, Paul." Then, "But won't it be expensive—terribly expensive?"

"I suppose so, but gosh, Ann, we've got to have a little fun as we go along. I've got a small reserve and I'm going to spend it on one nice evening for you and me."

She glowed. "I feel like Cinderella—"

"I'm not much of a Prince Charming."

"You'll do for me."

They laughed together youthfully. The night was filled with stardust, it throbbed with life and love.

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"SPEED for bob-sledding thrills! SLOW BURNING for smoking thrills!"

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